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Nativity Newsflash

“ROOTED IN CHRIST”

WHAT MARY MEANS TO ME

By Christina Kurz



It is truly hard to describe the Blessed Virgin Mary. She means so much to me; it is difficult to put it into words. It was hard for me to pray to Mary because I always thought it was worshipping her. I still said the Hail Mary with passion and honesty but was always afraid of what God would think.

I finally understood that God is pleased with us when we pray to Mary. This woman is the Mother of us all in so many ways. She is patient and sees us how a mother would see her child. She guides us to make the right decisions and sees our true potential. She wants us to do well in life and it hurts her to see us make the wrong decisions.

When God asked Mary to give birth to His Son, she said yes to God in simple words with no complaint. By doing this, she accepted God's call for her life in such few words and with great obedience. Mary is a great role model for me. I admire her for her strength, devotion, and deep love for God and her child.

Mary was also an ordinary person. She still comforted Jesus if he fell when he was a child, cooked, cleaned, and was social with others. She did not just stand around being holy. She had to go through life's challenges. By knowing that she was an ordinary person, it makes me feel more confident and comfortable praying to her.

At the Crucifixion, Jesus went through tremendous physical pain but Mary experienced tremendous emotional pain. Despite all this, she stayed strong and remained with Him. This is the part of Mary that I strive to incorporate into my daily life; never giving up. I pray to Mary for strength in everyday life along with dedication and love to God and others.



“FIDDLER ON THE ROOF” TAKES THE STAGE!

“Best show ever!”

“The costumes, sets, and props were fabulous!”

“The show was perfectly cast!”

“What mature performances for middle school!”

“You have set the bar even higher – it was great!”

Take 62 middle school students, an incredible team of alumni and adults, hours of volunteer time, weeks of rehearsals, 86 family members and friends on the Saturday “build day,” and you will have a glimpse of what it takes to produce a musical here at Nativity Catholic School!

To all who helped create the stage magic for “Fiddler,” thank you so very much! Special kudos to Carol Sitzman, our wonderful costume designer for the past eight years and also to Richard Pluckebaum, former Nativity parent, who still donates his time and talent to our shows!

As director, I am humbled by the volunteers who made the show happen. I am so proud of the students in the show for doing such an incredible job in making “Fiddler on the Roof,” a tremendous success! Congratulations to one and all!



NATIVITY’S SUPER QUIZ TEAM WINS QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE!

Nativity has a wonderful group of students who worked very hard to prepare for Roncalli High School’s Quest for Excellence! Our contingent included: Luke Aldrich, Will Beikes, Veronica Phillips, Eliza Rail, Jacob Sitzman, Evan Anderson, Carlie Young, Sophia Taylor, Cara Włodarczyk, Ainsley Newett, Christina Kurz, Charlie Schoettle, Lilly Cadwell, Livia Ianni, and Austin Stiffler. We appreciate all of the time and effort our parent and teacher coaches provided to the formation of the team! A very special thank you goes to Julie Aldrich for coordinating our team this year!

Nativity’s Super Quiz team won the competition for the first time! Congratulations to Super Quiz team members Evan Anderson, Will Beikes, Ronnie Phillips, Christina Kurz, and Jacob Sitzman!

We would also like to congratulate the following students:

Math - Carlie Young (3rd place)

Theology - Jacob Sitzman (6th place)

Vocal - Lilly Cadwell (3rd place) & Ronnie Phillips (1st place)

Geography - Harry Schoettle & Evan Anderson (Honorable Mention)

Physical Fitness - Lilly Cadwell (3rd place)



ALUMNI NEWS

Graduates from Nativity Catholic School are rooted with CHRIST at the center of their being. Paige Clegg ‘13, is doing great things at Franklin Central HS. During her four years at FC, she has been a part of the Sparkle Squad, a cheer team that focuses on the inclusion of students with disabilities. In her senior year, Paige was the captain.



Cassidy Mattingly ‘13, earned a National Medal in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in the Visual Arts category with her entry: “Silver Cascade.” She will accept her award at the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation’s longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7–12. A record-breaking 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted for adjudication at the regional level this year.

Noah Buening ‘13, received 3rd place in the 2017 National Women in Construction Drafting and Design competition. Noah received a check for \$100.

Congratulations to Senior swimmer Ashley Harter ‘13 who broke the school record in the 500 free by nearly four seconds on Thursday night in the prelims and then came back on Saturday to break that two day old record by another 3 seconds! Outstanding effort Ashley – congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the Nativity alumni who were inducted into the National Honor Society recently at Roncalli High School! Pictured are Juniors Patrick Todd ‘14, Ethan Newett ‘14, Tyler Melloh ‘14, Austin Bogie ‘14, Grace Mappes ‘14, Cassie Petroff ‘14, Melissa Kurz ‘14, and Carolina Whitaker ‘14 (not pictured). Kristen Sitzman ‘14 was also inducted into the National Honor Society at Secena High School! Congratulations to all the alumni and their families!



Congratulations to Nativity alumni Cassie Petroff ‘14! Cassie and Roncalli Rebel Choral Students earned the highest performance award for high school choral students in the State of Indiana when they earned a Gold rating in Division II!

Roncalli Academic Honor Award Recipients:

Jennifer McKinney Memorial Scholarship
Hannah Minton ‘13

Wong Family Scholarship
Cassie Petroff ‘14

NATIVITY GALLERY WALK



Our incredibly talented students in kindergarten through eighth grade have been working hard throughout the year learning different art techniques in many media. Nativity celebrated the students’ artistic accomplishments at the first ever Gallery Walk. Each child selected his or her favorite piece of art to showcase at the Gallery Walk. There were art stations set up throughout the building for families to create art together and view student art.